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## CIA Renegades

THE PROBLEMS of a world beset by terrorism are intensified today by former American CIA agents who deal in munitions and run schools for international terrorists.

The problem was highlighted by "60 Minutes" interview with former CIA agent Frank Terpil, but the story has been outlined for months by the New York Times.

Terpil and an associate have been convicted of conspiring to sell weapons, ammunition and poison to federal undercover agents posing as South American revolutionaries. The pair fled the country in order to avoid a 53-year sentence. They now live in Lebanon.

Terpil and another former CIA agent, Edmund Wilson, are accused of selling explosives to Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy and recruiting American Green Berets to train Libyan terrorists. Their actions threaten the stability of the Middle East and all parts of the world. It is unlikely, for example, that Libya would have been able to sustain its intervention in Chad last year had Wilson not helped the Libyan

cause with materials and training.

The men built fortunes while working for the CIA. Since leaving the agency, they have used their CIA training and intelligence contacts to secure weapons and ship them to foreign nations. They are alleged to have considered selling a U.S.-made heat-seeking missile to Khadafy.

These men represent a very real threat not only to America, but to the peace of the world. Explosives provided to Khadafy will eventually find their way into the hands of every terrorist group on the globe.

In addition, American security is threatened by active CIA agents who sell classified information to foreign governments.

Congress should put the lid on this sort of activity. A good start would be to toughen laws regulating the sale of munitions to foreign countries and to prohibit former intelligence agents from working for foreign governments. And the CIA might use some of its resources to track down Terpil and Wilson and learn the whole of their activities.